to-morrow shall start for Coldham, Parlington, and, though last not least, Hamsterley,

### TO SIR T« QASCOIGNE*

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I have been roaming about on visits — to Castle Eden, Burdon's place, where there is a fine down susceptible of much improvement, a good house, and trees growing well down to the sea; thence to the election at Durham, where a ball was given to Burdon and Milbanke.

My next visit was to Hesley Side, Mr. Charlton's. The destruction of wood on the Tynedale within my memory is prodigious. Charlton has re-established part of his, and Sir Edward made large plantations at Mounces; all the rest is neglected. The cattle there are fond of rushes made into hay, and grass of Parnassus Is common in wet spots.

At Axwell we had George Clavering, whose queer speeches of the bull kind are very entertaining. I must tell you a few of them, A lady was there who suckled her child, and this child